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Table 4. Pesticide residue reductions used in EWG analysis.***95% reduction***Heavy peeled fruits and vegetables*

Corn
 Peanuts, in shell
 Lemon
 Lime
 Tangerine
 Watermelon
 Honeydew Melon
 Cantaloupe
 Plantain
 Kiwi Fruit
 Avocado
 Mango
 Papaya
 Pineapple

90% reduction*Spinach-like crops (raw to cooked)*

Raw Collards
 Mustard Greens
 String Beans, cooked
 Green Peas, cooked

85% reduction*Lettuce-like crops (washed w/ outer leaves removed)*

Chicory Leaf
 Lettuce, Loose Leaf
 Boston Lettuce
 Endive, Escarole
 Radicchio
 Green Cabbage
 Chinese Cabbage
 Red Cabbage
 Cauliflower
 Brussels Sprouts

75% reduction*Juice concentrate uncertainty***

Apple Juice
 Apple Cider
 Orange Juice
 Orange Juice (baby food)
 Grape Juice
 Grape Juice (baby food)

70% reduction*Carrot/root vegetable comparison*

Onions
 Sweet Potatoes
 Sugar Beets
 Red Beets
 Turnips
 Radishes

50% reduction*Core and pit fruit comparison (compared apples and peaches: FDA to PDP)*

Apricots
 Dried Apricots
 Apricot Paste
 Dried Peaches
 Pears
 Dried Pears
 Plums
 Cherries
 Nectarines

Grape comparison (FDA to PDP)

Blackberries
 Blueberries
 Cranberries
 Raspberries
 Strawberries

75% reduction -cont.*Celery-like crops comparison (FDA to PDP)*

Asparagus
 Leeks
 Scallions

Others

Mushrooms
 Olives, Green, Black, Stuffed

25% reduction*Green bean comparison*

Tomatoes
 Green Tomatoes
 Cucumbers
 Eggplant
 Hot Peppers
 Poblano Peppers
 Serrano Peppers
 Green, Red or Sweet Peppers
 Banana Peppers

*Pesticide residues found in fresh produce by the FDA surveillance program and USDA Pesticide Data Program were reduced by 25 to 95 percent to more accurately reflect the levels likely to be found in cooked and prepared foods.

**It was not always possible to derive from the data whether the sampled juice was fresh or from concentrate, thus we applied a 75% reduction.

Reduction factors were derived by either comparing data from the FDA surveillance program with levels of OPs reported in Total Diet Study or the Pesticide Data program.